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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO, N. C.

SPECIAL MEETING:

4 JANUARY 2006

Pursuant to the emailing of required public notices, the posting of notices on the City Council Chamber door and entrance to the Executive Offices, the City Council of the City of Greensboro met in special session at 3:30 p.m. on the above date in the Plaza Level Conference Room of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present: Mayor Keith A. Holliday, presiding; Councilmembers Michael L. Barber, T. Dianne Bellamy-Small, Sandra G. Carmany, Florence F. Gatten, Sandra Anderson Groat, Yvonne J. Johnson, Thomas M. Phillips and Goldie F. Wells. Absent: None. Also present were Mitchell Johnson, City Manager; Linda A. Miles, City Attorney; and Juanita F. Cooper, City Clerk. Peg Carlson, representing MSC Facilitation and Consulting, was present at the meeting; she served as facilitator for this meeting and will serve as facilitator for the January Council retreat.

The City Council discussed at length individual Council opinions and topics for discussion at the retreat, expectations of specific staff and the facilitator, etc. Discussion included the following: identify themes from conversations with Council members; agree on objectives of the retreat—what does the group need to accomplish to consider the retreat a success; an outline for the general retreat agenda and schedule—what topics would the group discuss and for how long, the starting and ending times; agree on who will attend—who needs to attend in order to have relevant information and support necessary, what preparation is necessary for the retreat time to be used efficiently and effectively, will there be observers and seating arrangement, under what conditions would Council agree to reschedule the retreat; identify the facilitator's and others' roles.

Lengthy discussion was held with regard to individual Council opinions and topics for discussion, expectations of specific staff and the facilitator, etc.

Council agreed that the Council Retreat should be held on Friday, January 27, 2006, from 9 am to 9 pm and on Saturday, January 28, 2006, from 9 am to 4 pm, with the possibility of the Saturday meeting ending earlier if Council completed its work.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:15 P.M. BY CONSENSUS OF THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

KEITH A. HOLLIDAY
MAYOR

JUANITA F. COOPER
CITY CLERK
